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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM BEING REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION/INFO.
SENT ACTION BANGKOK INFO VIENTIANE FROM AMCONSUL UDORN, THAI-
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QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L UDORN 0101

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SREF, TH, LA
SUB: HMONG INFLUX INTO NONG KHAI
REF: UDORN 0090 AND PREVIOUS

1. CONREPS TRAVELLED TO BUNG KAN, PHON PHISAI, SANGKHOM,
SRICHIANG MAI, THA BO, AND MUANG DISTRICTS OF NONG KHAI
PROVINCE APRIL 18 AS WELL AS TO THE PROVINCIAL REFUGEE CAMP AND
DETENTION CENTER AND REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

2. DISTRICT POLICE AUTHORITIES CALCULATE TOTAL OF 348 HMONG AND
70 LOWLAND LAO REFUGEES ENTERED BUNG KAN DISTRICT APRIL 3-18.
DURING SAM PERIOD PHON PHISAI DISTRICT RECEIVED 329 HMONG AND 8
LAO ARRIVALS. OUR UNOFFICIAL TALLY NOW SHOWS ROUGH TOTAL OF
1700 HMONG ENTERING THESE TWO DISTRICTS SINCE MARCH 1.

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3. POLICE AUTHORITIES AT SANGKHOM, SRICHIANG MAI, THA BO, AND
MUANG DISTRICTS OF NONG KHAI REPORT TOTAL OF 815 LOWLAND LAO
REFUGEES ENTERING DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH. THIS FIGURE,
TOGETHER WITH APPROXIMATELY 850-900 HMONG ARRIVALS AT BUNG KAN AND
PHON PHISAI DURING THE SAME PERIOD, TOTALS APPROXIMATELY 1550-1600
NEW REFUGEES ARRIVING IN NONG KHAI PROVINCE DURING MARCH.

4. IN NONG KHAI REFUGEE CAMP, IRC MEDIC DR. LEVI ROQUE REPORTED TO CONREP THAT HIS SMALL HOSPITAL IN HMONG SECTION IS OVERCROWDED (OVER 30 PATIENTS) TO EXTENT HE MUST REFUSE ADMISSION OF SOME LESS ILL PATIENTS, SUCH AS OPIUM ADDICTS. HE STATES HE MUST ALSO UNDULY HASTEN SOME PATIENTS' DISCHARGE FROM HOSPITAL. DR. ROQUE REPORTS HIGH INCIDENCE OF MALNUTRITION AMONG NEW HMONG ARRIVALS, MANY OF WHOM HE BROUGHT FROM PROVINCIAL DETENTION CENTER TO HMONG CENTER HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT. DR. ROQUE ALSO SAID THAT HE AND IRC DOCTOR GARCIA ARE HOPING TO CONVERT ONE SCHOOL BUILDING IN CAMP TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL HOSPITAL WARD SPACE.

6. TOTAL OF 642 REFUGEES, MOSTLY HMONG, ARE NOW BEING DETAINED AT NONG KHAI DETENTION CENTER. WE EXPECT MANY OF THESE TO BE ADMITTED TO REFUGEE CAMP SOON ON BASIS OF RECENT RATE OF REFUGEE TRANSFER FROM DETENTION CENTER TO CAMP.

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